bank already has correspondent banking relations with a large number of banks in the public and private sector. With the opening of new banks in India, SBI is exploring strategies for extending correspondent relations and agency arrangements with some of these banks on business considerations. However, till now, the bank has not entered into correspondent relations with any of the new private sector banks in India.

Circulation of One, Two and Five Rupee Denomination Notes

3718. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the number of one, two and five Rupee denomination notes printed during last 2 years;

(b) what were the numbers of one, two and five Rupee dnomination notes withdrawn from circulation and destroyed during last 2 years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that almost all one and two Rupee notes in circulation are spoiled and are not accepted for transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The notes in the denomination of Rs. 1, Rs 2 and Rs 5 printed during the last 2 years were as under:—

(In million pieces)

Year	(April-March)		
	Re.1/-	*Re.2/-*	*Rs.5/-*
1992-93	111	505	462
1993-94	17	135	370

(b) The number of Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 withdrawn from circulation and destroyed during the last 2 years were as under:

(In million pieces)

Year (April–March)	Notes withdrawn from circulation and destroyed		
	Re.1/-	*Re.2/-*	*Rs.5/-*
1992-93	378	1015	1025
1993-94	327	1041	1053

(c) With a view of hastening up the process of coinisation of lower denomination notes of Re.1, Re.2, and Rs.5, the supplies, of fresh notes in these denominations are progressively being reduced. It is possible that the quality of such notes in circulation has, deteriorated due to excessive recycling. However, it is not a fact that such notes are not accepted for transactions.

Show-Cause Notice Issued by BIFR

3719. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BIFR has issued show-cause notices to certain Public Sector Undertakings for winding up without obtaining the proper Revival Schemes prepared by the appointed Operation Agency;

(b) whether a strong feeling has grown with the public and PSUs that issuance of show-cause notices shall tantamount to ultimate closure of the undertakings so referred to BIFR and these are becoming further sick with the non-cooperation from market and the bankers;

(c) whether Government's efforts to revive the public sector undertakings are generally miscontrued under the circumstances;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) what corrective action is proposed to be taken to ensure that no PSU is closed on such in approach to the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that as per the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA), it may issue notice to a sick industrial company under inquiry before it, to show cause why the company should not be wound up, if the BIFR forms the prima-facie opinion that it is not feasible to formulate a scheme for revival of the company. When such an opinion is formed after considering all relevant facts and circumstances and after giving an opportunity of being heard to all concerned parties [including the views of the Operating Agency (OA)], the question of preparation of a revival scheme by the OA does not arise.

(b) when a show cause notice is issued in respect of a sick industrial company, objections/

suggestions are invited, and suggestions if any, received for revival of the company are given due consideation by the BIFR.

(c) and (e) BIFR extends reasonable oportunity to the concerned company, the Administrative Ministry and concerned State Government to come up with agreed package of revival for sick industrial companies under their administrative control. When the company and/ or the Administrative Ministry/State Government is not in a position to formulate a revival scheme, on DA is appointed by the BIFR to explore the possibility of revival of the sick company.

Capital Flight from Agriculture to Other Sectors

3720. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that capital flight is taking place from agriculture to other sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken to check this flight; and

(d) the amount of capital flight having drained annually from agriculture to other sectors during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Gross investment in real terms (at 1980-81 prices) in agriculture has declined from Rs. 4636 crore in 1980-81 to Rs. 4567 crores in 1992-93 (quick estimate).

(c) and (d) Investment in agriculture as a proportion of gross domestic capital formation during the last three years is listed below:-

Gross Capital formation

(in per cent)

Year	Agriculture (1980-81Prices)	Others (1980-81Prices)
1990-91	9.1	90.9
1991-92	10.4	89.6
1992-93 (quick estimate)	8.6	91.4

In order to ensure higher investment in agricultural sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan, the share of Agriculture, Irrigation and allied sectors has been increased from 11.23 per cent in the seventh plan to 18.65 per cent of total investment. Resources are also being redistributed between current and capital expenditure by reducing subsidies and rationalising farm input support policies so as to release increased resources for investment in agriculture.

Alleged forged bank guarantee by Damania Airways

3721. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across financial irregularities relating to banking operation of private sector, Damania Airways;

(b) whether the Damania Airways opened a Bank guarantee through State Bank of India, commercial Branch, Bombay for Rupees 3 crores in favour of a German Company dealing with aircraft spare parts and the Guarantee of three months was forged;

(c) whether the airline did not fulfill its obligations to German suppliers in January, 1994 and asked the State Bank to revoke the Guarantee after the fraud was noticed; and

(d) whether the Managing Director of Damania Airways was summoned and accepted committing fraud and left off without any punishment; if so, why and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) In accordance with the practices and usages customary among banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes governing public sector banks, information relating to individual constituents of the bank cannot be divulged.

Drug offenders awaiting trials in Delhi

3722. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: